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The present declaration also clearly states that Mr. Dubois was performing an inventive task which corresponded to his actual duties and was performing studies and research for which he had been explicitly entrusted. Mr. Vieillefosse has first-hand knowledge of this since a part of Mr. Vieillefosse's duties as head of the patent department for the Assignee at the time Mr. Dubois was doing his research was to review invention disclosures and determine whether or not to proceed with the filing of a patent application and while carrying out these duties with respect to Mr. Dubois' activities, he became fully knowledgeable as to the present invention. Therefore, it is believed that Applicant has complied with all of the necessary requisites for the granting of the patent and it is requested that the same be given a filing date and be transferred to the Examiner for review in due course.

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